

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

**Tuesday, June 27, 2006**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Room 326 House Office Building**

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The House Standing Committee on Government Operations was called to order by **Representative Leon Drolet**, Chair.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen, Emmons, Tobocman and Lemmons, III.

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Representative Lipsey.

**Representative Garfield** moved to adopt the minutes of the **June 20, 2006** meeting. The motion was supported by **Representative Gosselin**. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

**Chairman Drolet** laid **SB 435** before the committee:

SB 435     Barcia                    Gaming; bingo; miscellaneous amendments to the bingo act; enact.

**TESTIMONY**

**Brandon Dillon**, from Senator Barcia's office, testified in support of the bill.

**Wendell May** and **Julie Clark**, representing May Rental Halls, testified in support of the bill and submitted handouts.

**Joe Garcia**, representing the Michigan Racing Association, testified in support of the bill.

**Paul Stankewitz**, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference, submitted a card in support of the bill and did not wish to speak.

**Chairman Drolet** offered the following amendment to **SB 435**:

1. Amend page 7, line 25, after "than" by striking out "10" and inserting "14".

**Representative Garfield** moved to adopt the amendment. The motion was supported by **Representative Lemmons, III**.

The motion prevailed by a vote **8-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen, Emmons, Tobocman and Lemmons, III,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

**Chairman Drolet** offered the following amendment to **SB 435**:

1. Amend page 13, following line 21, by inserting:

"Sec. 10b. (1) ~~EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 10C~~, A qualified organization may be issued up to 4 millionaire party licenses in 1 calendar year. Each license shall only be valid for 1 location.

(2) A millionaire party license may be issued for up to 4 consecutive days.

(3) The bureau shall not issue more than 1 millionaire party license to a qualified organization for any 1 day.

**SEC. 10C. (1) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 10B, A QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION MAY BE ISSUED NOT MORE THAN 20 MILLIONAIRE PARTY LICENSES IN 1 CALENDAR YEAR, WHICH SHALL BE CONDUCTED ONLY AT A LOCATION THAT IS A PARI-MUTUEL FACILITY LICENSED UNDER THE HORSE RACING LAW OF 1995, 1995 PA 279, MCL 431.301 TO 431.336.**

**(2) A QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION CONDUCTING A MILLIONAIRE PARTY UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL PARTICIPATE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE MILLIONAIRE PARTY, BUT MAY USE EQUIPMENT OWNED BY THE LICENSED PARI-MUTUEL FACILITY.**

**(3) ALL NET PROCEEDS OF A MILLIONAIRE PARTY CONDUCTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO THE LAWFUL PURPOSES OF THE QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION. FEES, EXPENSES, EQUIPMENT RENTAL, LOCATION RENTAL, JANITORIAL SERVICES, CASH PRIZES, AND THE PURCHASE OF PRIZES OF MERCHANDISE SHALL NOT EXCEED 50% OF THE GROSS PROCEEDS OF A MILLIONAIRE PARTY CONDUCTED UNDER THIS SECTION."**

**Representative Garfield** moved to adopt the amendment. The motion was supported by **Representative Lemmons, III**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **8-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen, Emmons, Tobocman and Lemmons, III,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

**Representative Lemmons, III** moved to report **SB 435** with recommendation, as substitute **(H-1)**. The motion was supported by **Representative Garfield**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **8-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen, Emmons, Tobocman and Lemmons, III,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

**Chairman Drolet** opened the floor for discussion of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's recent hiring of a multi-client lobbyist.

### **TESTIMONY**

**Lisa Danisok** and **Deb Dansby**, representing Jim McBryde, Julie Karkosak and Minesh Mody of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), testified and submitted a handout.

**Richard McLellan**, representing Dykema Gossett, testified.

**Representative Tobocman** moved to excuse Representative Lipsey from the committee. The motion was supported by **Representative Gosselin**. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

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**Representative Leon Drolet, Chair**  
**House Standing Committee on Government Operations**  
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1 Hour and 34 Minutes